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“Firewise Community”

Flagstaff Ranch Golf Club has recently been recognized as a Firewise Community. This honor is bestowed on communities that have recognized their risk of wildfire and are taking steps to reduce the risk to their homes and property. Working in conjunction with the Flagstaff Fire Department, Flagstaff Ranch Golf Club has become the 14th recognized community in the state. Nationally, 201 communities are recognized.

The goal of Firewise is to provide people living near forested areas with the knowledge and techniques to identify hazards and maintain acceptable levels of readiness around their homes to decrease the risk of wildfire. According to Mark Brehl, Community Firewise Coordinator for the Flagstaff Fire Department, “Flagstaff Ranch is taking the necessary steps to protect their community from wildfire while helping promote a healthy ecosystem. We hope to have many more communities follow suite.”



Flagstaff Fire Department's Firewise Coordinator, Mark Brehl, presents Jim Spellman and Jim Fisher of Flagstaff ranch Golf Club with the Firewise Communities Award.

The Firewise program fosters a strong sense of community among participants while educating homeowners about what they can do to protect themselves, their families and their communities from the loss of property due to wildfire. There is never a 100% guarantee of protection against wildfire damage, but if suggested actions are implemented there is a higher probability that people's homes and communities will survive, or even avoid, the potential devastation of a wildfire.

For more information on how your neighborhood can become a Firewise Community or what you can do to protect your property, contact the Fire Department at 556-1207. For more information visit: www.flagstaff.az.gov/fuelmanagement.